(c) what are the sites in other Eastern States excavated during that period;

(d) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has published any report on that; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Archaeological Survey of India has conducted excavations in the following States at the sites mentioned against each:

1. Orissa	:	Udaigiri, District Jajpur;
2. Bihar	:	(i) Kesariya, District East Champaran
		(ii) Rajgir, District Nalanda
		(iii) Kolhua, District Muzafferpur
3. Assam	:	Sri Surya Pahar, District Goalpara
4. Tripura	:	(i) Thakurani Tila, Paschim Pillak, District South Tripura
		(ii) Shyam Sunder Tila, Paschim Pillak, District South Tripura
5. West Bengal	:	(i) Chandraketugarh District North-24, Paraganas
		(ii) Rajpat Khalisa, Gosanimari village, District Cooch Behar

(d) and (e) In respect of Kolhua, the excavation concluded in 1998-99 and report thereof has not been published. In the remaining cases the excavations have not been concluded.

Maintenance of tourist/pilgrimage spots

†82. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that splendour of various tourist/ pilgrimage spots in the country declined due to the consumer tourism

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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on account of which huge garbage is accumulated on these places and proper arrangements are not made for sanitation and maintenance thereof;

(b) whether such shortcomings have been found during Maha Kumbha in Allahabad also;

(c) whether Government would consider to formulate any long-term plan to do away with such mismanagement prevailing at religious/tourist places; and

(d) if so, by when;

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The maintenance of pilgrimage centres is looked after by the concerned local authority and State Governments. However, the overall view is that there is no degeneration in sanctity of tourist places/pilgrim centres only due to tourism.

(b) No complaint has been received on this account so far.

(c) Not needed at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Maintenance of historical monuments in Assam

83. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of historical monuments being preserved by ASI in Assam indicating present condition and nature of maintenance;

(b) the proposed action plan and target set to cover new sites including excavation work; and

(c) the specific plan, if any, to ensure spending ten per cent budgetary allocation in the North-East in terms of PM's special initiative for North-East?